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be glad if early habit were not in some respects perpetually getting the better of his authority; and in all else we see reason to applaud equally his industry, judgment, and taste. Shortly after our last issue, we received, through his kindness, a copy of this Dictionary, and our *à priori* judgment as to its merits has been amply confirmed by our frequent use of it through a quarter's labor of revision and proof-reading. In the "war of the dictionaries," we are unwilling to enlist on either side; our quarto Webster we prize none the less for this collateral authority and aid; and, were we to conform our precept to our example, we should advise our readers to use both.

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8. — *Physical Geography for Families and Schools.* By R. M. ZORNLIN. Revised, with Additions, by WILLIAM L. GAGE, Master of the Taunton High School. Boston: James Munroe & Co. 1855. 16mo. pp. 159.

WE like this book, and, were there more of it, *we* should like it better. Its brevity is secured by condensation rather than by omission; and a certain measure of dryness is inevitable from the attempt to compress so much matter within so small a space. But the arrangement is excellent, the examples and illustrations are well selected, and scientific terms are lucidly defined. Whether it would be an entertaining book for "families," or good as a mere task-book for "schools," we have our doubts. Its true use would be as a syllabus for recitation, where the teacher is qualified to accompany it by oral explanations and lectures; and such a teacher would probably prefer it to a more diffuse text-book.

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9. — *The Christian Year. Thoughts in Verse for the Sundays and Holidays throughout the Year.* By the Rev. JOHN KEBLE, Vicar of Hursley. Elegantly illustrated by Schmolze. Philadelphia: E. H. Butler & Co. 1856. 12mo. pp. 368.

THIS work has been so long before the public, that there is no need of our saying how rich it is in devotional thought, serene, fervent, and lofty, how lovingly it traces the Saviour's footprints as they are marked through "the Christian year," or how many gems of the choicest poetry are scattered through its pages. The present is by far the most beautiful edition of it that we have ever seen, and in all the details of mechanical execution is unsurpassed in tasteful elegance. The engravings